

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract in its entirety with the following rewritten Abstract:

Abstract of the Disclosure

A modular spring support mounting ~~(24)~~ for a sash window spring counterbalance arrangement ~~(16)~~. ~~The modular spring support mounting (24) comprises~~ includes at least a first spring support mounting element ~~(30b)~~ and a second spring support mounting element ~~(30a)~~ each for supporting a respective coil spring ~~(22)~~. The first spring support mounting element ~~(30b)~~ includes a pair of wedged shaped cross section projections ~~(34)~~. The second spring support mounting element ~~(30a)~~ includes an interengagement fitting ~~(36)~~ which engages the pair of wedged shaped cross section projections ~~(34)~~ to in use securely interconnect the first and second spring support mounting elements ~~(30b,30a)~~ together. Also a method of installing such a modular spring mounting includes the step of laterally slidingly engaging ~~(24) in which the spring mounting elements (30b,30a) are laterally slidingly engaged~~ to securely interlock the elements ~~(30b,30a)~~ together.